



HDE NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We survived our first water crisis this year. In addition to having a coliform failure (please see reverse) our pump #2 crashed. It had been in service since 1994. A combination of that pump crash and frankly, a bit of poor judgment on my part, resulted in some people on #2 system being out of water for a while. We recovered in a short time, and we now have a new pump in #2 well, but my apologies to those who were inconvenienced.

People asked about our water supplies at the annual meeting. The following is a summary of what we are allowed to do and what we can do with our three systems:

First: we are allowed to draw 90 million gallons per year from the aquifers.

Second: we have capacity to pump over 56 million gallons per year.

Third: our annual usage is less than 16 million gallons per year; which is less than 30 % of what we can pump.

Since our wells were put in service circa mid-1990, their yield today is approximately 50% of what it was initially. Assuming: our population here will not grow significantly and our conservation processes remain in place, HDE's annual water usage should remain fairly stable over the next 15 years. And even if the aquifer volumes again reduce 50% like this past 15 years, our water supplies should easily meet association requirements.

Please remember to prioritize water conservation this summer; especially during very warm periods like we have had the last of June and now the first part of July.

Hope you all are enjoying the summer!

Al Phillips, President 541-416-1403

COYOTES

At our last board meeting on June 22 we enjoyed a very informative talk on the subject of coyotes by a fairly new HDE resident, Gary Madison. Gary is a retired teacher and is an expert on coyotes and other predators. He covered the history, life cycles, breeding, eating habits, and pup rearing of our coyote neighbors.

We invited him to speak to the board because there have been quite a few coyote sightings by HDE residents recently. And of course there's the occasional "whooping it up" that we hear.

It appears that most residents are not bothered by the coyotes, and even like them. They do serve a good purpose by keeping the rodent population down, as well as the rabbits that people complain about getting into their gardens. However, in a few cases, the coyotes appear to be getting bolder about going into people's yards.

Be sure to take measures to protect your cats and small dogs from coyote visitors, especially at night. Do not leave pet food outside where it's accessible to coyotes.

If anyone loses a pet to coyotes, or is being bothered by them coming into your yard, you can contact Gary Madison who can help solve the problem, up to and including re-location of coyotes to some other area if necessary.

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HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com
(for HDE residents only)

User name: owner Password: 172lots

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in [System] Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took five (5) samples for coliform bacteria during June 2015. [All five (5) of those samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791 or the Department of Human Services Drinking Water Program at (971) 673-0405.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the drinking water.

What happened? What is being done?

Five (5) more samples will be tested on June 26th, 2015.

We are still detecting coliform bacteria. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days.

For more information, please contact [Al Phillips at 541-416-1403 or at 5146 SE David WayH .

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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